

YOU AND THE BICENTENNIAL

A Shaker Room, 1840



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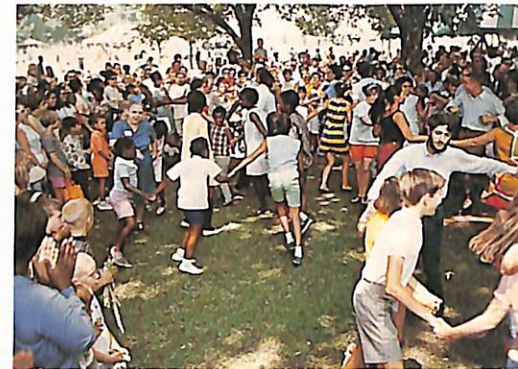
How will the Bicentennial affect you? And what can you do for it? These are some of the questions we will try to answer here.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., has been established by Congressional action and has been endorsed by the President. Its goals: To forge a new national commitment, a new Spirit of '76. To appeal to every American. To review and reaffirm the basic principles on which the nation was founded.

These are the Bicentennial themes:

HERITAGE '76 urges us to re-examine our origins and values — to take pride in our accomplishments and to dramatize our unique development. Through its many programs, HERITAGE '76 will make this process of discovery and evaluation of our first two hundred years an exciting experience. It will sponsor exhibits of art, television shows, and conferences of scholars. It will encourage us to delve into the past that may lie hidden in our own attics and to appreciate the historical and architectural heritage of the places we live in. How, after all, can we hope to deal with the present — and the future — if we cannot understand our past? That understanding is the goal of HERITAGE '76.

B Folk Life Festival
The Mall, Washington, D.C.



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FESTIVAL USA is trying to bring the rest of the country — and the rest of the World — to your doorstep. Through a series of special events and activities, including a World Theater Festival, it will invite Americans to share experiences with each other and with visitors from abroad. FESTIVAL USA will help to revive and to strengthen the volunteer spirit which has made this nation great — by opening as many homes as possible to neighbors from across the street, from across town, from across the country, and from across the seas.

HORIZONS '76 is the part of the Bicentennial concerned with the future. It is a nationwide volunteer effort, a call for achievement at the local level sponsored by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

C Undersea Exploration

D Proposed Urban
Planning Project



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HORIZONS '76 challenges every American, acting individually or with others, to get involved — to survey the condition of his community and to set goals that can be met by 1976. Those goals might include the creation of a village green out of a vacant lot, the redevelopment of a riverfront, or the building of a vast exhibition center. HORIZONS '76 challenges us to find answers to the question: "How can we improve the quality of life in America — not only in 1976 but in the years beyond."

THE BICENTENNIAL COMPUTER: Do you want to know what Bicentennial activities are planned in your area? Or when a Bicentennial lecture or traveling exhibit or folk music festival will be held nearby?

The computer equipment in the exhibit is programmed with thousands of entries and is the clearing house for information about projects and events related to the Bicentennial. This

E Park Conservation Project



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computer is connected to one of thirteen regional points — which are, in their turn, connected to a central data base. It can give not only you, but Federal, State, and local agencies, the Congress, the press and television, and the travel, restaurant, hotel, and entertainment industries, instant nationwide access to news about the Bicentennial.

Master calendar publications are produced from the computer for news media, and domestic and international planners, participants and visitors.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? There are many ways in which you, as an individual citizen, can take part in your country's Bicentennial celebration. Here are a few suggestions. You can:

- Volunteer to help your State or local Bicentennial organization.
- Organize your neighbors in a clean-up, paint-up, or plant and spruce-up campaign.

- Make your showroom or store front available for Bicentennial displays.
- Urge school officials to present Bicentennial programs, and offer to help organize them.
- Publish a guidebook to the history and architecture of your town.
- Get speakers from your State or local Bicentennial organization to address your group.
- Learn a foreign language and volunteer to act as a guide and interpreter for some of the 20 million foreign visitors who are expected in 1976.
- For more information about what you can do for the Bicentennial, write: Office of Communications, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 2401 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20276.